
COLUMBIA RIVER ACTION NOTICE

Washington Department of Fish and Wildlife

February 24, 2021

The following actions were taken:

| 2021 Mainstem Commercial Smelt Fishery | |
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| Season: | Mondays and Thursdays (5 AM to 5 PM) from March 1 through March 11 (4 periods) |
| Area: | Zones 1-3 |
| Gear: | Gillnet only. Mesh size may not exceed two inches stretch measure. Nets may not exceed 1,500 feet in length along the cork line. |
| Allowable Sales: | Smelt |
| Misc. Regulations: | Multiple net rule in effect. Nets not specifically authorized for use in this fishery may be onboard the vessel if properly stored. A properly stored net is defined as a net on a drum that is fully covered by a tarp (canvas or plastic) and bound with a minimum of ten revolutions of rope with a diameter of 3/8 (0.375) inches or greater. 24-hour quick reporting required for Washington buyers, pursuant to WAC 220-352-315. Oregon buyers are required to electronically submit fish receiving tickets pursuant to OAR 635-006-0210. Electronic fish tickets must be submitted within 24 hours of closure of the fishing period, or within 24 hours of landing for fishing periods lasting more than 24 hours. |

FUTURE MEETINGS

- The treaty tribes will continue to monitor catches in their winter gillnet fisheries and may request a Compact hearing on Tuesday March 9, 2021 to consider additional periods.